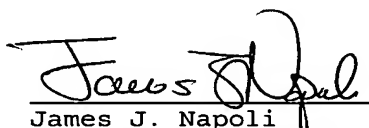




TFW 3.727

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:	) I hereby certify that this
Antonella Giannini et al.	) paper is being deposited with
Serial No. 10/528,980	) the United States Postal
Filed: July 12, 2005	) Service as first class mail,
For: RIGID SIDE-OPEN PACKAGE FOR	) postage prepaid, in an envelope
TOBACCO ARTICLES	) addressed to:
Attorney Docket No. 20022/41076	) Commissioner for Patents
Group Art Unit: 3727	) P.O. Box 1450
Examiner: Unassigned	) Alexandria, VA 22313-1450
	) on this date
)
	) March 9, 2006
)
)
) 
	) James J. Napoli
	) Registration No. 32,361

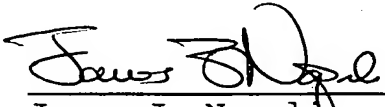
STATUS LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Please advise when an Office Action can be expected in the above-identified application. Kindly note that we have received no response to an application filed July 12, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,
MARSHALL, GERSTEIN & BORUN LLP
6300 Sears Tower
233 South Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois 60606-6402
(312) 474-6300

By: 
James J. Napoli
Registration No. 32,361

March 9, 2006